

RAILROAD NEWS

SHORT OF CARS

Situation on Western Roads Has Become Serious.

Southern Pacific Places Embargo on Eastbound Freight.

TRAFFIC HAS INCREASED

No Provision Has Been Made to Meet It.

Grain Elevators and Storehouses Also Inadequate.

Failure of western railroads, including the majority of those in Kansas, to increase rolling stock in proportion with the increase in traffic, experts point out, is increasing the loss and inconvenience suffered by shippers owing to the car shortage this year. The Southern Pacific has already been forced to place an embargo on eastbound freight, and the shortage on other roads, figures issued by the railroads themselves show, is becoming alarming.

Burlington gross earnings for September are reported 10 per cent more than the earnings for the same month in 1915. Santa Fe gross earnings are running 5 per cent ahead of last year, although that road carried an enormous volume of shipping then. Northwestern, Canadian Pacific, Union Pacific, Rock Island, Frisco and other roads also report gains of from 5 to 15 per cent.

Experts assert the shortage October 1 was 30,000 cars, including all classes, in excess of the shortage forecast Sept. 1. The majority is in the south and west, with the largest shortage in the west.

Movement of shipping is toward the east. The result is that many western shippers are unable to get cars. Box cars are at a premium.

The fact that grain elevators and storehouses are totally inadequate to take care of the grain shipped is responsible, traffic men say, for a part of the shortage. Failure on the part of the railroads to increase their rolling stock to any extent in several years is responsible for a large per cent of the shortage.

The Katy and Missouri Pacific are the only western carriers making an attempt to increase their rolling stock at present. The Katy is reported to be considering the purchase of 2,000 freight cars. The Missouri Pacific has purchased 1,000. Many roads have not increased their rolling stock for several years to any extent in proportion to the business increase shown by annual reports.

LAUNCH KANSAS ROAD. Construction Imperial Project to Begin November 1.

The Imperial Promotion & Construction company, Hal W. Nelson-

ger, president, Osborne, Kan., is the purchaser of the abandoned grade of the Gulf, Plainville & Northern in western Kansas, it was announced today. The company takes over the right of way, seventeen miles long, and other property.

E. A. McFarland, Lincoln, Kan., has been elected president of the railroad company. The Gulf, Plainville & Northern was begun several years ago, but owing to the failure of the construction company backing it at that time, the proposition was abandoned just after the grade was ready for the rails. Interested parties kept the enterprise alive by paying taxes in hopes some other company would take hold of the project and put it thru.

Announcement today is to the effect that this is about to be accomplished by the Imperial concern, which states actual track-laying will begin no later than November 1.

The new road will run from Holyrood, Kan., thru Ellsworth county to Hays so that connections may be made with the Union Pacific. There is a possibility the road will build north from Hays into Nebraska.

The builders expect to have this road ready for operation April 1, 1917, when rolling stock and other equipment will be purchased.

PUSH END OF STEEL

Anthony & Northern Is Nearer to Hays, Kansas.

The Anthony & Northern railroad has finished construction on its extension from Gibson, Kan., west to Kinsley. Contracts for the grading of the road's new line from Larned to Hays have been awarded. Track and bridge work will be done by the company's own construction forces.

There will be about 8,000 cubic yards of excavation to the mile, the maximum grade being one per cent, the maximum curve about three degrees.

SAVE HIGH SPEED STEEL

Reclamation Policy Wards Off Santa Fe Shops Decrease.

Reclamation of tool steel on the Santa Fe system has warded off a decrease of from 5 to 10 per cent in the shop's output of that road, according to E. J. McKernan, tool supervisor.

All tool steel is returned to the Topeka shops for inspection. After inspection all steel considered serviceable is held in reserve to be made up into small tools.

"All the short lengths of high speed steel is returned to Topeka and made into tips for lathes and planing tools," said Mr. McKernan. "Of course, it must be understood that a great number of the stub ends of lathes and planer tools are drawn out and made into square tools for Armstrong tool holders. Only the small chips removed from the steel in dressing is scrapped."

"At this time the market for this scrap steel is good."

"All of the broken high-speed twist drills and reamers are reclaimed when they are of such dimensions that they can be utilized for other purposes. If not, they are forwarded to the scrap. There is a special effort made to reclaim all of this steel and it has worked out very economically on the Santa Fe. Had this system not been in effect at this time we would have had difficulty in being able to operate all of our machines due to the shortage of high-speed steel. At present there is no shortage of this material

on our line and everything is moving off satisfactorily."

"Large washout plug taps that have become slightly worn out of size are returned to Topeka, where they are annealed and recut, making them into smaller sizes. These taps are all kept to a standard."

"All of our hand chisels, also chisels for air hammer use that have become short, are returned to Topeka, where they are made up into center punches. All chisels that are not over four inches in length are condemned."

"We are also able to reclaim a great number of our crank pins by the use of the crank pin turning machine, this machine being designed and patented by John Purcell, and built in the Topeka shop. The machine can be operated by either electrical motor or air motor, and it has been found to be very handy and economical. It, in my opinion, is far superior to any other machine of its kind."

ASK STOCKHOLDERS' HELP

President Ripley Issues Statement on Adamson Act Situation.

Stockholders of the Santa Fe have been sent a statement by E. P. Ripley, president, asking them to beset themselves to cause congress to act on the recommendations made by President Wilson for a full public investigation of the wage dispute between railroads and train-service employees.

President Ripley says tie-ups under present laws can only be averted by granting legislation on the demands of labor. He asks the stockholders to assist in securing legislation to meet the situation created by the eight-hour law.

He said in part after reviewing the past developments of the controversy: "The question, therefore, becomes of profound importance to you, both as a citizen depending upon a railroad transportation and as a holder of railroad stock, to consider what can be done to obtain necessary remedial legislation. The brotherhoods made it clear at the session of congress just ended that they will resist with all their power any such remedial legislation whether it seeks to prohibit strikes in advance of public investigation or to put in any form restraint over labor combinations. It is therefore, reasonable to assume that the public demand for a remedy will have to be persistent and forceful or else the public will continue in its present defenseless position."

"Since the precedent of abandoning arbitration and hurriedly paying the demands of railroad unions by special congressional enactment has thus been established, does it not behoove you to exercise your influence in favor of appropriate remedial legislation?"

"This company believes that the act which congress has passed is unconstitutional and that steps must be taken to resist it in every lawful manner."

T. D. Alden has been appointed assistant freight auditor of the Santa Fe railroad with offices in Topeka. Mr. Alden has been chief clerk to the freight auditor, W. W. Strickland, since 1911. He has been in the employ of the Santa Fe twenty-six years.

The Union Pacific is negotiating for the purchase of ten Santa Fe type locomotives.

Pensions for 354 Teachers.

St. Paul, Oct. 2.—Three hundred and fifty-four retired Minnesota school teachers today got their first pension from the state fund.

SHE COMES HERE

Mrs. Inez Milholland Boissevain in Topeka Next Month.

Most Beautiful Woman in U. S. Will Be a Guest.

IN CAMPAIGN AGAINST WILSON

Fights Because Democrats Oppose Nation Suffrage.

Only Three Stops Will Be Made in Kansas.

Inez Milholland Boissevain, famous suffrage speaker, noted also as one of the most beautiful women in the United States, will be in Topeka, November 3, according to an announcement received here today from the



Mrs. Eugene Boissevain.

national headquarters at Washington of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage and the Woman's party. She will take part in the campaign of the Woman's party against President Wilson and the Democratic national candidates because of the Democratic party's opposition to nationwide woman suffrage.

Every one of the twelve equal suffrage states is to be visited by Mrs.

Boissevain in her whirlwind stump-speaking swing around the circle. The trip is to follow practically the same route as the "Suffrage Special" covered on its historic tour early in the summer. Leaving Chicago October 3, Mrs. Boissevain will be on the stump for the Woman's party in the west until election day. Regular stops will be made at important points in each state, with numerous platform speeches at many places where the train makes short stops.

Miss Milholland when she married Eugene Boissevain, a citizen of The Netherlands, lost her American citizenship. This law applies only to American women, not to American men taking foreign wives.

She is a Lawyer.

By profession she is a lawyer, practicing in New York. She attempted to enter Harvard and Columbia university law schools, but being a woman was denied admission. She graduated in law from New York university law school. Previously she had been educated abroad and at Vassar. She has been active in various social and economic movements, having been an agitator for the labor organizations in the shirt-waist and laundry strikes in New York.

Mrs. Boissevain is tall, athletic, striking in appearance and of a stately beauty. She rode a milk-white horse, as herald of the famous suffrage parade in Washington on the day before the inauguration of President Wilson. The suffragists on that occasion, as is well recalled, were subjected to many indignities by the hooting crowd which lined Pennsylvania avenue on both sides.

Her Principal Stops.

Among the principal stops which Mrs. Boissevain will make are: Chicago, Oct. 3; Sheridan, Wyo., Oct. 5; Billings, Mont., Oct. 6; Cheyenne, Wyo., Oct. 8; Boise, Idaho, Oct. 9; Portland, Ore., Oct. 10; Seattle, Wash., Oct. 11; Spokane, Wash., Oct. 13; Shelby, Mont., Oct. 14; Great Falls, Mont., Oct. 14; Helena, Mont., Oct. 15; Butte, Mont., Oct. 16; Salt Lake City, Utah, Oct. 17; Ogden, Utah, Oct. 17; Winnemucca, Nev., Oct. 18; Reno, Nev., Oct. 19-20; Sacramento, Cal., Oct. 21; San Francisco, Oct. 21; Los Angeles, Oct. 23-24; Phoenix, Ariz., Oct. 25; Tucson, Ariz., Oct. 26; Prescott, Ariz., Oct. 27; Winslow, Ariz., Oct. 28; Trinidad, Colo., Oct. 30-31; Colorado Springs, Nov. 1; Pueblo, Colo., Nov. 1; Newton, Kan., Nov. 2; Wichita, Kan., Nov. 2; Topeka, Kan., Nov. 3; Chicago, Nov. 4.

'A NATION IN BONDAGE'

Democrats Issue Book to Show Status of Mexican Affairs.

New York, Oct. 2.—A "white book" on Mexico has been prepared by the Democratic national committee which is aimed to show just what the situation in that country is and how the policy of Mr. Wilson has been determined on the principle of not injuring a neighboring people for the benefit of American and European investors.

Under the caption "A Nation in Bondage," is given a brief account of the establishment of a tyranny in Mexico. The common people are described as despoiled of their lands and homes through the connivance of corrupt officials with foreign investors who paid for concessions and sought to develop them through slavery of the workmen.

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GRAB MOVIE U-BOAT

British Warships Rudely Interrupt Film Plot—Fear It's Germany's.

New York, Oct. 2.—A wireless message from "H. H. Vanloan," a passenger bound here from Nassau on the steamer Monterey, declares that British warships patrolling in the vicinity of the Bahama islands have seized a submarine owned by a motion picture concern while on its way from New York to Miami, Fla., under the belief that it was a German craft. The submarine was off Abaco island in tow of a yacht when it was captured last Tuesday.

The American consul, according to the wireless message identified Vanloan and he was permitted to leave on the Monterey which is due here today. The message states that the American consul is taking the matter up with the state department at Washington to obtain the release of the submarine.

FAILED TO BE A STAR

Lincoln Woman Sues Movie Company for Alleged Fake Contest.

Chicago, Oct. 2.—Because she failed to flicker as a film star, Mrs. Claire Lois Butler Lee, of Lincoln, Neb., wants \$10,000 damages from the World Film corporation and Photoplay Magazine. When these concerns conducted a beauty contest recently, Mrs. Lee was among the eleven survivors

FORD TO MEET WILSON

President Invites Pacifist to Conference at Shadow Lawn.

Asbury Park, N. J., Oct. 2.—President Wilson has announced he would hold a conference at Shadow Lawn today with Henry Ford, the pacifist. The president was very much pleased by Mr. Ford's announcement several days ago that he would support the Democratic ticket in the national election and immediately sent him an invitation to come here.

Mr. Wilson and his followers are known to be clinging to the hope that with the assistance of Mr. Ford, they can carry the state of Michigan.

KILL UNKNOWN WOMAN

Auto Trip Results in Shooting—Body Found in Bushes.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Oct. 2.—The body of a well-dressed and apparently wealthy woman, who had been shot twice in the head and robbed, was found this afternoon in a clump of bushes just outside this city. The only clue to her identity thus far discovered is a letter in her purse addressed to Mrs. Mary Kimball, Elkhardt, Ind. The letter was from a daughter at Neepawa, Manitoba, Canada.

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The police believe the woman was one of a party of automobile tourists, but whether she was murdered by her own party or whether she was the prisoner of auto bandits, or under what circumstances she was killed cannot be determined.

WARRANT FOR WARDEN

Woman Charges Missouri Prison Head Struck Convict With Club.

Jefferson City, Oct. 2.—A warrant for the arrest of D. C. McClung, warden of the Missouri prison, was issued today on complaint of Mrs. Della Reeder, of Kansas City. The warrant charges that a nephew of Mrs. Reeder, James Underwood, a prisoner, was struck with a club and maimed. The warrant charges felonious assault.

Underwood was suspected of starting one of the recent prison fires.

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